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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TO VILLAGES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of villages having telephone services in West Bengal;

(b) the district-wise number of villages where telephone services are yet to be provided; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide telephone services in such villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): District-wise number of villages with and without telephone services in West Bengal are given in the annexure.

(c) All revenue villages in the West Bengal Circle except 978 villages have already been provided with telecom facility. Telecom facility in these villages could not be provided as these villages are having population less than 100 and no telephone facility is to be provided in such villages as per policy of the Government/USO.

ANNEXURE

District-wise details of villages with and without Telecom facility in West Bengal

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	NO.OF VILLAGES HAVING TELEPHONE SERVICES	No. OF VILLAGES WITHOUT TELEPHONE SERVICES
1	BURDWAN	2488	0
2	BANKURA	3263	175
3	MURSHIDABAD	1837	81
4	HOWRAH	1016	0
5	HOOGHLY	1270	0
6	24-PARGANAS NORTH	2286	0
7	24-PARGANAS SOUTH	1778	0
8	COOCHBEHAR	1170	0
9	JALPAIGURI	703	0
10	MIDNAPUR EAST	4473	88
11	MIDNAPUR WEST	5693	112
12	NADIA	1248	0
13	MALDA	1641	0
14	PURULIA	2161	522
15	UTTAR DINAJPUR	1827	0
16	DAKSHIN DINAJPUR	1218	0
17	DARJEELING	628	0
18	BIRBHUM	2232	0
TOTAL		36932	978